#### TOWN OF MILFORD Milford, Massachusetts NOTICE OF MEETING

Board or Commission Milford Board of Selectmen Date and Time of Meeting April 27, 2020 7:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor' Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec 18, this meeting is being conducted via remote participation.

A.) SIGNING OF WARRANT, APPROVAL of Minutes, April 13, 2020, April 20,2020 Executive Session Minutes, April 13, 2020

## **B.) SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

1. Milford Police Chief, Milford Fire Chief, IT Director and Milford Director of Public Health, re: Coronavirus Update

## C.) PUBLIC HEARINGS- CALL IN TEL NO. 1-857-444-0744 – Conference Code 143644

Note for public testimony - All comments or testimony at a public hearing including documents or exhibits must be in connection with the matter being considered and confined to the matter at hand and will be limited to 5 minutes to allow for the opportunity for others to speak.

- 1. 7:00 PM Mass Electric Co. and Verizon New England, Inc. Spruce Street, Plan # 29627030
- 2. 7:05 PM Manning Food, LLC d/b/a Sky Buffet, re: Transfer of All Alcoholic Beverages License and Common Victualler License
- 3. 7:10 PM Verizon Cable License Contract

## D.) TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## E.) OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance Director, re: Budget Update

## F.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Town Counsel, re: Town Meeting Date
- 2. Town Administrator, re: Award Fuel Oil Bid
- 3. Town Administrator, re: Renewal of Second Hand, Pool Tables and Bowling Alley Licenses
- 4. Milford Youth Center, re: Resignation/Appointment
- 5. Milford Youth Center, re: Acceptance of Gift
- 6. Town Administrator, re: Proclamation- Arbor Day

## G.) CORRESPONDENCE

## H.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Town Counsel, re: MACE Claim
- 2. Town Administrator, re: Town Treasurer Contract

The listing of matters above are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Signature _	rell	Dated	4/23/20	



# MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Room 11, Town Hall, 52 Main St. (Route 16), Milford, Massachusetts 01757-2679 Phone 508-634-2303 Fax 508-634-2324

William D. Buckley, Chairman William E. Kingkade, Jr. Michael K. Walsh

Richard A. Villani Town Administrator

#### TOWN OF MILFORD: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Milford Board of Selectmen has received the following petition:

<u>PLAN NO.</u> 29627030

**<u>RECEIVED FROM:</u>** Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: Spruce Street

National Grid respectfully request permission to install and maintain new poles 1 and 2 Spruce Street. These poles are needed to gain proper clearance with overhead facilities relative to existing buildings.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

#### Board of Selectmen Meeting on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Abutters are invited to watch on TV. A number will be posted on the screen if you wish to participate remotely.

#### PER ORDER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade Jr.,

Michael K. Walsh

cc: Massachusetts Electric Verizon New England, Inc. Files April 15, 2020

#### PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

March 17th, 2020

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Milford, Massachusetts

#### MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

request permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, in the following public way or ways:

**Spruce St** 

#### National Grid respectfully request permission to install and maintaine new poles 1 and 2 Spruce St as shown above. These poles are needed to gain proper clearance with overhead facilities relative to existing buildings.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Plan No. 29627030 Dated: 3/17/2020

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

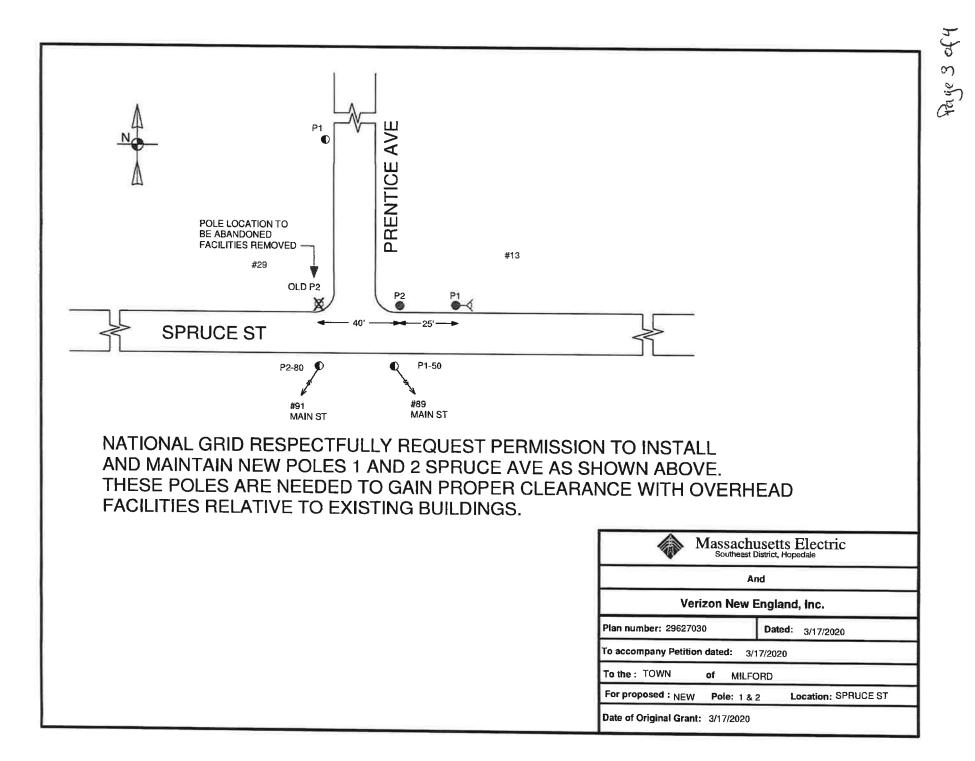
Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one cross arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

#### MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Manager of Distribution Design

#### VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

y: Kun Uwshu Daryl Crossman: Manager, R.O.W. FOX AL BESSETTE



#### **Richard Villani**

From:Parent, Michael J. <Michael.Parent@nationalgrid.com>Sent:Friday, April 17, 2020 12:25 PMTo:Richard VillaniSubject:Town Petition Monday April 27 at 7pm National Grid

Richard,

I will be remotely attending this petition hearing. I only have access to Zoom via the web. If there is an alternative (like using a phone to call in), let me know.

Mike Parent National Grid Distribution Design Hopedale, MA 508-482-1224 508-918-5940

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For the registered information on the UK operating companies within the National Grid group please use the attached link: <u>https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/about-us/corporate-registrations</u>

4-27-20

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REVIEW FORM

- Manning Food, LLC d/b/a Sky Buffet **1.** Name of Business:
- **2.** Business Address: 340 E. Main Street Map \_\_32\_Block \_\_98\_Lot\_\_2\_ IB/IC Zones Assessors ID#:
- 3. Has applied for: Transfer of Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License and Common Victualler License
- 4. Selectmen will take action on: Monday April 27, 2020
- 5. Hearing Continued/Postponed/MGL Deadline:\_\_\_\_\_
- **6.** Abutters Notified: \_\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_ Published: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Inquiry Sent To Dept. Heads on: \_\_\_\_3/13/2020\_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Please Respond By: \_\_\_\_3/18/2020\_\_\_\_\_

   9. License Approved: \_\_\_\_\_Denied: \_\_\_\_\_Tabled: \_\_\_\_\_On\_\_\_\_\_

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Building Commissioner: (Zoning, Occupancy, Building/Handicap Access, Restroom Handicap Access, etc.) IC ZONE, OCC LOAD 337, NO VIOLATIONS, BUILDING AND RESTROOMS ACCESSIBLE

**Town Planner**: (Site Plan/Special Permit; Other Requirements/Stipulations) **OK- NO CHANGE OF ACTUAL USE** 

**Tax Collector**: (Outstanding Taxes) **OUTSTANDING 2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES, \$19,820.82** 

Town Treasurer: (Outstanding Tax Liens) NONE

Fire Chief: (Information/Comment) PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Police Chief: (Information/Comment) NO ISSUES

Criminal Offense Record Info: (CORI) Approved 
Disapproved

**Board of Health**: (Information/comment) **LAST INSPECTED 11/22/19**; **OTHERWISE IN GOOD STANDING BY BOH** 

Sewer Commission: (Information/Comment)

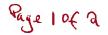
Milford Water Company: (Information/comment)

Commission on Disability: (Information/comment)

Dept.	Head Signature:	Date:	

Contact Name/Manager: Yan Ru Tong D.O.B. SS #

Phone: \_\_508-478-8878\_e-mail: \_\_SkyBuffetMilford.com





## MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

21 BIRCH STREET MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01757

WILLIAM J. TOUHEY, JR., CHIEF MARK A. NELSON, DEPUTY

Telephone: 508-473-1214 • Fax: 508-473-4858 • Inspections: 508-473-2256

April 22, 2020

Lena Pires Town Administrator and Selectmen's Office 52 Main Street Milford Ma 01757

RE: Manning Food, LLC d/b/a Sky Buffet, 340 East Main Street

Lena,

In regards to the signing of the Department Head Review Form, 1 am only doing so because of the request from your office and the action being taken by the Selectmen during the next town meeting. In this establishment, which is privy to fire code infractions, a site visit would typically be conducted to inform them if corrections are needed prior to signing this form. However, because of the COVID 19 pandemic, that has not been possible. Therefore, I am unsure of any fire code violations at this time.

Thank you and stay safe,

Matthew R Denman

Lieutenant-Inspector Milford Fire Department 21 Birch Street Milford MA 01757 mdeuman@milfordfire.org Office: 508-473-2256 Cell: 508-400-6338 Fax: 508-473-4858

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s,

#### NOTICE OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Milford Board of Selectmen as the Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on April 27, 2020 at 7:00pm. The public hearing will be held virtually. Details are available on the agenda on the Town of Milford website. The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue a cable television Renewal license to Verizon, New England. All applications, reports, statements and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend.



## TOWN OF MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE FINANCE DIRECTOR

TOWN HALL 52 MAIN STREET, ROOM 19 MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01757

Telephone (508) 634-2309 Fax (508) 634-2324 E-Mail: ztaylor@townofmilford.com E-Mail: tbrown@townofmilford.com

ZACHARY A. TAYLOR FINANCE DIRECTOR

THOMAS BROWN TOWN ACCOUNTANT

April 15, 2020

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Zachary A. Taylor Finance Director

RE: Town of Milford COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan – Phase I

On March 10, 2020 Governor Baker issued a state of emergency resulting from the Novel Corona Virus that struck the nation and world. This declared pandemic has caused countless hardships on millions of people, not only from a health standpoint but also from an economic impact that is crippling so many families. In response, during this time of uncertainty, Town Officials have provided a set of goals to be achieved in the upcoming fiscal year, aimed at providing relief to the taxpayers and businesses of the community. In order to accomplish these goals to be incorporated into this economic relief plan, the following mission statement has been developed:

To develop a municipal economic relief plan for the Town of Milford, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, designed to mitigate the financial impact on the already burdened community, while maintaining current service levels provided to the community. Further, to accomplish such a plan without an increase in the fiscal year 2021 tax levy over the current fiscal year 2020 tax levy.

On March 23, 2020 the Board of Selectmen declared a local emergency allowing for certain local authority to help address the hardships caused by the pandemic. A combination of local and state orders has closed nonessential businesses and services, restricted travel and hotel stay, and greatly reduced social gathering. Such authority was implemented to help stop the spread of the virus for the protection of the citizens of Milford, the State and the Nation. While these measures are necessary, they have resulted in a significant negative downturn to both the economy and many individuals and

businesses. This negative financial impact has also greatly affected state and local municipalities, of which the Town of Milford is no exception.

States and municipalities across the country are experiencing a major reduction in cashflow. Projected revenue streams have been severely disrupted. In addition, there has been numerous unplanned extraordinary expenditures to combat the virus. Milford is experiencing these issues. It is important to highlight the dependence of municipalities to state funding and understand that the devastating impact of the virus is not limited to one level of government.

The revenue forecast of Milford is comprised of the tax levy, state aid and local receipts, in order of highest to lowest total revenue. Working backward, local receipts account for approximately 10% of the revenue make up for the Town of Milford. This category is being hit the hardest in areas such as hotel tax, permits, penalties and interest, earned income and other areas projected to have a more lasting lag effect on Milford; for example, motor vehicle excise tax. It is equally important to point out that these same types of lost revenue at the local level directly impact the state's budget as well. Travel bans impact hotel tax, the extension of income tax filling impact cashflow and the revenue generated from late fees, penalties and interest for late fillings that cannot be replaced.

States like Massachusetts generate significant funding through travel and tourism. The restriction in place, not only directly hurt the business owners, but flow through to lost revenue to the state in the form of state hotel and meals tax. These disrupted and lost revenues make up a portion of the states forecast and are used to fund programs and determine municipal aid projections. In addition, historically high unemployment claims are being paid out to millions of individuals. These costs were not anticipated in any model generated directly prior to the pandemic. Emergency spending at the state level, similar to Milford, is also occurring at a rapid pace. These extraordinary expenditures and lost revenue will cause the Governor's preliminary Cherry Sheet (state aid) projections to be revised to lower levels. Estimates as high as an \$8 billion revenue short fall by the end of the calendar year are anticipated. State aid makes up approximately 30% of the total revenue budget for the Town of Milford. As described in the relationship of the state and localities, it is important to recognize that immediate actions modifications are necessary in order to balance budgets at both levels.

The largest revenue forecast of Milford, like all municipalities, is the tax levy. The tax levy is made up of real estate taxes and personal property taxes. The most basic formula of levy calculation is (approved appropriations - state aid - local receipts and any other funding sources = levy total). This formula is important to understand when developing this economic relief plan while so much uncertainty and instability still unfolds. Lowered state and local projections would cause a spike in the levy if all anticipated appropriations remain the same, as projected, prior to the pandemic. That last statement contradicts the mission statement developed at the start of this plan. Further, given the simplified basic tax recap formula described above, there are only two major areas that must be addressed in order to effectively achieve the goals of the mission statement. These two areas are a mix of budgetary reductions control and other funding sources to stabilize the current environment, to be executed in the most responsible manner foreseeable at this time.

Over the past decade, the Town has established healthy financial reserve levels through Town Meeting support and approval of annual significant stabilization contributions. The process of developing annual goals and objectives have allowed calculated strategic planning while maintaining levy control. The Town maintains two stabilization funds. The main, traditional account has a current balance of \$20.6 million while the second, capital account, has reached close to \$6 million. The combined total of close to \$27 million of built up undesignated funds is certainly beneficial to the Town for crisis situations like the pandemic and economic fallout we are all currently facing. For many years various models of potential stabilization use have been developed and planned. Fortunately for the Town, not often have any plans actually required execution. However, while not having the luxury of knowing the end of the virus and not knowing the full impact it will cause, the use of stabilization is strongly recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Director, in conjunction with authorized spending.

As Finance Director of the Town, I have repeatedly communicated the most effective way to keep tax growth in check, is to control the operational budget. The operational budget, voted at the Annual Town Meeting, by the Representative Town Meeting members, is by far the largest appropriation approved by the legislative body. Over the years it has been stressed that all other financial appropriations, to the extent possible, be held off the Annual Meeting and rather be placed on the Special Town Meeting, traditionally held in the fall. The rationale behind such a policy, is for two major reasons. The first is to allow for ample focus for review of the operational budget package from multiple Boards, Committees, and Town Meeting. The second rational, and most importantly, being that final projected revenue and anticipated appropriations are not known at the time of the Annual Town Meeting. In recent years, through conservative budgeting and policy discipline, the Town has been able to achieve projected levels, in large part because final state aid has been very similar to the Governor's budget which is released around March and forms the basis of estimates for the following fiscal year. During this time of uncertainty, it is fully anticipated that the Governor's budget, developed prior to COVID-19 is going to be reduced significantly. The amount of reduction is unknown at this time, requiring conservative yet strong estimates. Fortunately for Milford, our natural budgetary cycle at this time of year is to not consider the full Governors proposed budget when forecasting and developing a balanced budget. Given what we know about the strains on the state, it is important to be more aggressive with anticipating further reduced state aid than we currently have projected. Therefore, in order to avoid the tax levy picking up the difference, the Town will need to reduce the overall operation budget package as projected.

The operational budget is made up of the following major categories: General Government, Public Safety, Education, Public Works, Human Services, Parks & Recreations, Debt Services, and Employee Benefits. Approximately 85% of the total budget cost is attributed to employees and benefits. In order to achieve reduced budget projection, while maintaining existing services, a level service budget must be considered to the extent responsibly possible. Fixed cost such as debt obligations, the pension funding schedule in place for FY21, and other required liabilities cannot be reduced without unwanted consequences. The majority of union contracts and wages scales are also in place or seeking approval. Therefore, without layoffs, new initiatives should either

be eliminated until a future more stable time, or a corresponding trade off of equal value be proposed. Expired collective bargaining contracts that are beginning negotiations will need to be reflective of new funding capabilities in light of the economic crisis.

In alternative models, if all requested new hires are approved, with the corresponding impacts on the various benefits budgets, it will not be possible to keep a net zero increase to the tax level without a significant stabilization withdrawal, sacrifice of most other goals and objectives, and likely difficulty in affordability in subsequent years. In this undesired model, even layoffs would have longer lasting effects as the Town is responsible for unemployment cost at upward of 2/3 of the employees' annual pay. I am also concerned about irresponsible depletion of the Town stabilization fund and or other reserves, in order to fund the operation budget higher than absolutely necessary, while still caught in this negative economic cycle as described earlier. Therefore, I am strongly advising one plan and not proposing or suggesting multiple alternatives until the pandemic has come to a close and the full impact has been identified. The Town should be equally concerned for subsequent years financial health as it is for the current upcoming fiscal year.

After providing a time line and background information of the evolving impact of the COVID-19 virus on the economy the proposed plan is as follows.

## Milford Immediate Economic Relief Plan Financial Assumptions

- Local Revenue projections reduced \$900,000 or approximately 10%
- State aid projections will be further reduced by an additional \$2,000,000 for a total of \$3,000,000.
- Budgets must be revised and reduced to a level service budget.
- Any additions to personnel should be deemed absolutely necessary with trade offs of existing budgeted funding to the extent possible.
- No new funds will be added to stabilization for FY21.
- A Stabilization withdrawal equal to the allowable proposition 2 ½ levy increase for FY21, to be voted at the Annual Town Meeting, to demonstrate the effort to not increase the tax levy above FY20.
- FY21 Goal of freezing excess levy capacity of \$3.8 million plus the proposition 2 ½ allowable increase, will remain in effect, to be accomplished at the Special Town Meeting with the use of free cash, an additional stabilization withdrawal, avoiding raise & appropriate or any combination.
- To close out the Woodland School project funding at the Annual Town Meeting through free cash, to avoid additional borrowing cost.
- To review emergency spending levels at the Special Town Meeting with a decision to amortize the impact over 2 years through the tax recap process or clear the deficit from available funding to be declared in September.
- Freeze all capital requests with sacrifices for any nonemergency items for one year.
- Avoid any bonding during the Fiscal Year other than the potential purchase of the Water Company.
- Be prepared to adapt to further reductions of projected revenue and likely lower traditional free cash certification.
- Be prepared for a multi-year impact on spending from both state and local budgets.

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This plan is designed to accomplish the proposed mission statement and is a best effort professional estimate at this time. It is important to understand this plan is a relief plan, not a recovery plan. It must also be made clear that, at this time there is no known pandemic end in sight and certainly the full extent of the economic impact is not known. This plan will exercise conservative and responsible budgeting and allow for ample opportunity to adjust to any continued downturn of the economy. Full execution of this plan will occur following the Special Town Meeting and tax recap setting process traditionally done in October & November respectively. In the meantime, following this guideline for the Annual Town Meeting will provide a successful start to dealing with a difficult fiscal year's financial cycle.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this Plan further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Zachary Taylor Einance Director

#### CONTRACT AWARD

TOWN OF MILFORD INVITATION FOR BIDS DESCRIPTION – FUEL OIL BIDS AWARDING AUTHORITY – BOARD OF SELECTMEN DATE – April 27, 2020

**BIDDER NAME/ADDRESS** 

4-27-20 4-27-20

DEVANEY ENERGY
 177 WELLS AVENUE, PO BOX 9120
 NEWTON, MA 02459-9120

QUOTE AMOUNT One Year per Gallon - **\$1.2987** 

Three year per Gallon - \$1.3095

 2. PETERSON'S OIL SERVICE, INC.
 One Year per Gallon - \$1.3470

 75 CRESCENT STREET
 Three Years per Gallon - \$1.3670

 WORCESTER, MA 01605
 WORCESTER, MA 01605

Contract Award - After reviewing the proposal the decision was made to award the Contract to **DEVANEY ENERGY** as the most responsible vendor, based upon their quote.

F. 21. QO

## RENEWAL OF SECONDHAND/ANTIQUE DEALERS & PAWNBROWKERS LICENSES 2020

Baza Jewelry and Gifts196 East Main Street, Unit 48Central Street Resale2 Central StreetNathan's Jewelers157 Main StreetT.J. Collectibles, Inc.160 Main Street

#### **RENEWAL OF POOL TABLE LICENSES 2020**

Fun Zone of Milford LLC d/b/a Pinz

Viana Bar, Inc.

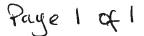
119 East Main Street

110 South Main Street

#### RENEWAL OF BOWLING ALLEY LICENSE 2020

Fun Zone of Milford LLC d/b/a Pinz

110 South Main Street



F-4 A<sup>0</sup> <u>Jennifer Ward</u>

From:	Lisa White <klmbrb@verizon.net></klmbrb@verizon.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:50 PM
То:	Jennifer Ward; Katherine Covell
Subject:	Resignation

Dear Milford Youth Center Board,

Please take this letter as my notice of resignation effective February 14,2020.

I really enjoyed my time on the board.

I have been so impressed by the many ways Jen and Katie have grown the program. It is because of their dedication, Milford children have a fun, safe environment where they can play and grow.

Respectfully, Lisa White

Sent from my iPhone







April 21, 2020

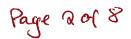
Dear Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Milford Youth Commission to inform the Board of the recent resignation of one of our Youth Commission members, Lisa White. We would like to thank Lisa for her years of commitment to not only the Youth Center but the larger community as a whole! The Youth Commission would like to recommend the following applicant to fill this vacancy:

Steven Sousa 141 Beaver St. Milford, MA 01757

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amy Tamagni Chair Milford Youth Commission





#### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

52 Main Street, Milford, MA 01757 Phone: 508-634-2309 \* Fax: 508-634-2324 Email to Accountant

Email to Town Admin.

#### GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORM

Donor Name The Giving Group	43 Taft St.	
City, State. & Zip Milford, MA 01757	Phone 508-497-9900	

Name of Gift \_\_\_\_\_

Support our future music and multipurpose media room

Total Amt. of Gift \$1,175.00

Contact Person Ray Auger & Bob Prevelige

Attached is a copy of correspondence received

There was no written correspondence with this gift

The Board of Selectmen/School Committee have been notified of this gift and have approved of the expenditures for the purpose stated

**Board of Selectmen** 

School Committee

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Chairman

Chairman

Contact Person

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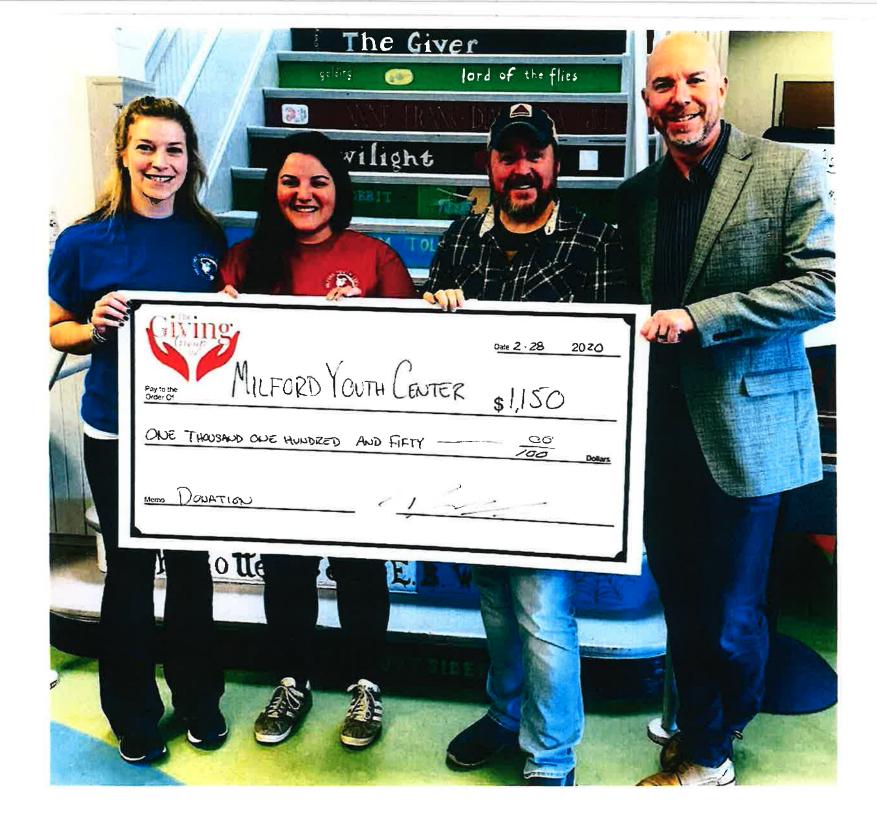
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Date Received

Revised 8/8/12

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# Proclamation

- Whereas: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April of each year; and
- **Whereas:** On April 24, 2020, Massachusetts will observe another Arbor Day, giving its citizens an opportunity to plant trees and celebrate the gifts that community trees give all year long; and
- **Whereas:** The Town of Milford recommits itself to its community streetscapes and forest, and seeks to become a better steward of its community trees; and
- Whereas: Milford establishes trees as a priority for the Town and will endeavor to make good decisions about their care and management; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that We, William D. Buckley, William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Michael K. Walsh, as Selectmen of the Town of Milford, Massachusetts, proclaim Arbor Day, April 24, 2020 to be a day of celebration in our Town. On this day we shall be thoughtful of the role trees play in improving the quality of our neighborhoods, streets, yards, and lives and shall respect our trees as a great natural resource that contributes to the cycle of life.

In Witness Whereof, we hereby set our hands and cause the seal of the Town of Milford to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh

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